

Transitional Benefits

This is an option available to States to help support families as they move off Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance. Benefits can be continued for up to five months in an amount equal to the amount received by the household prior to TANF termination with adjustments for loss of TANF income. Certification periods can be extended through the last transitional month. Only one State, New York, had been offering the pre-Farm Bill version of Transitional Benefits to families coming off welfare. Now nine other States have chosen to provide this work support. All ten States have elected to issue benefits to welfare leavers for the full five months allowed in the legislation. Seven have indicated they will extend certification periods to complete the transition. Four have designated more types of TANF households that cannot be included in addition to the types excluded from participation by law.

Transitional Benefits	Certification Extension	Additional Households Excluded
10	7	4
ARIZONA COLORADO MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS NEBRASKA NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA VIRGINIA	ARIZONA COLORADO MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS NEBRASKA NEW YORK VIRGINIA	MARYLAND NEW YORK PENNSYLVANIA VIRGINIA

